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SUBJECT: MEETING OF WP NO. 4 (MEAT) OF COMMITTEE FOR AGRICULTURE, DECEMBER 11-12

1. WP DISCUSSED AGR/WP4(74)7 AND TWO ADDENDA. THERE WAS AGREEMENT THAT STRONG TREND OF EXPANSION IN WORLD BEEF PRODUCTION WOULD CONTINUE IN 1975 AND 1976, PARTICULARLY IN US, AUSTRALIA AND ARGENTINA. ONLY IN UK OUTPUT MAY DECLINE. DEMAND OUTLOOK WAS UNCERTAIN. DECLINING OR EVEN NEGATIVE GENERAL ECONOMIC GROWTH MAY RESULT IN WEAKENING DEMAND FOR BEEF. MOREOVER, BEEF CONSUMPTION MAY SUFFER BECAUSE OF THE RELATIVE INELASTICITY OF DEMAND FOR COMPETING GOODS, SUCH AS PETROLEUM.

2. AUSTRALIA WARNED THAT REVERSAL OF RECENT GOOD PASTURE CONDITIONS COULD LEAD TO PRODUCTION LEAP AND REDUCTION OF HERD SIZE.

3. AUSTRALIA, NEW ZEALAND AND YUGOSLAVIA POINTED OUT THAT COUNTRIES IMPEDING MEAT IMPORTS WERE EXPORTING THEIR PROBLEMS. THUS 600,000 FARMS IN YUGOSLAVIA WERE
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AFFECTED SINCE 40 PERCENT OF PRODUCTION WAS FOR EXPORT

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AND FOUR-FIFTHS OF EXPORTS NORMALLY WENT TO EC.

4. US DEL DESCRIBED PROSPECTIVE INCREASE IN PRODUCTION WITH SIGNIFICANT SHIFT TO SLAUGHTER OF LIGHTER WEIGHT "NON-FED" CATTLE, AT LEAST FOR CURRENT FEED GRAIN MARKETING YEAR. HE EXPLAINED THAT RECENT RELATIVELY LOW PRICE IN US AND GOOD PASTURE CONDITIONS IN AUSTRALIA KEPT US IMPORTS AT A LEVEL AT WHICH IMPORTS COULD BE ADMITTED WITHOUT RESTRICTION EVEN THOUGH US HAS BEEN ONLY MAJOR OPEN IMPORT MARKET. IN 1975 RESTRICTIONS OF MEAT IMPORT LAW MAY HAVE TO BE INVOKED. HE MENTIONED PROSPECT FOR REDUCED PORK AND POULTRY PRODUCTION. BY CONTRAST, EC-9 OUTLOOK FOR MORE PORK DESPITE DECLINE IN THREE NEW MEMBER COUNTRIES.

5. SECRETARIAT DRAFT OF DISCUSSION SUMMARY REFERRED TO ALMOST COMPLETE BAN ON IMPORTS INTO EC AND JAPAN, WHEREUPON JAPANESE DEL POSTULATED THAT REDUCTION IN US IMPORTS HAD HAD MOST CRUCIAL EFFECT ON AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND. JAPAN WITHDREW SUGGESTION AFTER IT WAS AGREED TO REFER TO JAPANESE DELAY IN ISSUING IMPORT QUOTAS AND TO EC'S "TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF IMPORTS EXCEPT FOR GATT QUOTAS."

6. WP AGREED THAT LIVESTOCK AND MEAT OUTLOOK WORK SHOULD CONTINUE ALONG THE LINES OF REPORT DISCUSSED WITHOUT DUPLICATING WORK DONE ELSEWHERE. AS USUAL, REPS OF EC AND JAPAN PUSHED FOR A PROVISION THAT WP REPORTING SHOULD BE CONFINED TO TECHNICAL AND ECONOMIC ANALYSES WITHOUT INCLUDING POLICY CONCLUSIONS OR RECOMMENDATIONS; HOWEVER, OPTION FOR INCLUSION OF SUGGESTIONS HELD OPEN. NEXT MEETING CONTEMPLATED LATE SPRING.
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